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23 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : 24 June Briefing [REDACTED]

1. On 24 June [REDACTED] is scheduled to present a briefing to you on the present status of the [REDACTED]. This briefing was previously scheduled and had to be delayed. [REDACTED] is coming from the west coast primarily to provide it to you at this time. You will receive a final report of results at the November ExCom, when a decision on continuing the [REDACTED] into the system definition phase is to be made.

2. This briefing has been presented to the IR&D Council, Generals Haig (SACEUR) and Brown (Chairman JCS), and the five CINCs. The reception by the operational commanders to the [REDACTED] concept, and to the progress of the program thus far, has been most enthusiastic and encouraging. It is evident that they consider the capability which this system could provide a highly desirable intelligence contribution. This is significant since the current program is not yet completed, and that the really [REDACTED] has only recently begun to be available.

3. As you may recall, when you were briefed on the program by the IC Staff prior to last July's ExCom, you were told that the program was planning tests against ships and submarines in the open ocean. You indicated high interest in the possibility of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It now appears that these tests may not take

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place, due to initial difficulties in coordinating submarine availability and some funding and schedule problems. You may wish to ask [] about the status of these tests, and express any interest you have in them.

4. Since the present technology program was started, an additional concept has been suggested which adds an

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[] This capability is independent of the [] and provides [] in essentially real-time.

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[] has initiated a small concept study which is due to be completed shortly. If he brings this subject up, you may wish to get additional details on utility and feasibility of inclusion in the baseline system.

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Brigadier General, USAF
PD/DCI/IC

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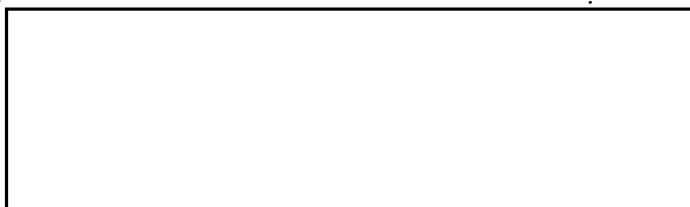
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6 JUN 1975

Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear George:

I am tardy in answering your memorandum of 22 April expressing concern for more time to staff USIB guidance for the NRP SIGINT Program. I agree with you. We need to do better in insuring that there is sufficient time to fully understand the issues at hand. I have found that [Redacted] Chairman of the SIGINT Committee, is very responsive to suggestions registered with him by Departmental representatives. To the degree that your staff is able to surface issues in the SIGINT Committee deliberations this will be of help in alleviating the problem. Nevertheless, I have asked General Wilson and [Redacted] both to make a point of doing what they can to address your problem directly.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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REPLY TO
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SUBJECT:

FY 1976-80 Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) National
Reconnaissance Program (NRP) (TS/TK)

22 APR 1975

TO:

Director of Central Intelligence

1. (TS/TK) I wish to commend [redacted] USAF (Retired), and the SIGINT Committee for their efforts on the FY 1976-80 NRP guidance document. It is an excellent piece of work which reflects a professional grasp of very technical subject matter, extensive research, and a great deal of intellectual labor.

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2. (TS/TK) One area of concern to me on this subject was the short time span between publication of the FY 1976-80 NRP document and the attendant 2 April 1975 United States Intelligence Board (USIB) deliberations. While aware of the need to have completed the USIB action on the NRP prior to the scheduled 23 April 1975 Executive Committee meeting, I believe it would have been beneficial for those of us involved to have had more time to thoroughly review the NRP submission. In an attempt to help resolve the problems encountered this year, I have instructed my people working future NRP guidance to keep me informed of all issues as they surface during the SIGINT Committee NRP formulation process. This, however, will not replace the need to have an adequate period of time to become thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the issues which must be resolved at the USIB level. I therefore recommend that beginning next year there be at least ten working days between publication of the proposed NRP guidance package and USIB deliberation of same.

3. (U) Hopefully, the studies being prepared on the issues discussed at the 2 April deliberations will be completed and distributed in sufficient time to permit each of us to thoroughly staff Departmental and Agency positions. Your assistance in this regard is solicited.

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Gen Keegan has written the DCI concerning the need to give adequate time to discuss & staff for NRP issues which are to be taken up at USIB.

Who should prepare reply?

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